

"Every Call Counts"

2010 Annual Report



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KING COUNTY

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It is my pleasure, on behalf of the dedicated men and women of the King County Sheriff's Office, to provide our Annual Report for 2010. This year has been one of the most challenging in the history of our Sheriff's Office, in part due to a historic level of resource cuts. Over the past three years, we've been forced to eliminate 170 positions from our workforce, and for the first time in the history of our Sheriff's Office, we were forced to layoff some of the most talented and dedicated deputies in the region. We already miss them and sincerely hope we will be able to hire them back sometime in the future.



But these difficult times don't mean we throw in the towel and give up. Rather, we redouble our efforts to find new and more efficient ways to keep you safe. I'm very proud to report that despite these challenges we achieved a positive historic milestone...we have become one of only 11 agencies in the state to achieve international accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. This was achieved with the tenacity and dedication of many members of KCSO. (Please read more about it on page 2.)

I am also very proud to highlight our police contracting program, which is used as a model around the country. It presents the taxpayers of King County, both in unincorporated King County, and in our contract cities, with high quality, cost effective services while taking advantage of economies of scale for cost savings, and shared information systems for more effective crime fighting. Contract city residents enjoy locally controlled services, tailored to the unique needs of their neighborhoods. We are on the cutting edge of a national trend toward saving scarce tax dollars by consolidating services and creating non-traditional partnerships. In addition to saving through service partnerships, we have worked creatively to reduce and consolidate our facilities while bringing services closer to the neighborhoods we serve.

Please enjoy reading about the excellent work and dedication of the men and women of the Sheriff's Office. We all take great pride in serving and protecting you with the highest level of caring and professionalism.

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Accreditation

Improving Accountability in Tough Economic Times

Historical Achievement!

We are extremely proud to be one of only 11 police agencies in Washington State to achieve international accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). The accreditation standards provide a framework for our agency to ensure that every one of our policies and procedures are in line with nationally accepted best practices. This program provided a process for us to conduct a comprehensive internal review of policies and procedures and meet over 400 rigorous standards.



Since beginning the process in 2008 KCSO has gone through the extensive 24-month review and audit. This audit included updating the department general orders manual, establishing standards of operating procedures (SOP) for each unit, and demonstrating proof of compliance. So what does this mean for the citizens we serve? They can be assured that they are being served by an organization that has chosen to take the extraordinary steps to meet the highest professional standards in law enforcement.



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Core Values

Leadership

We are leaders in law enforcement in this region. We create and employ the most advanced skills and methods of providing law enforcement services. We maintain the highest professional standards possible.

Integrity

We do what we know to be "the right thing," adhering to both the spirit and the letter of the law. We act in ways that bring honor to the profession and build trust, confidence and respect with the communities and people we serve.

Service

The public is our customer. We serve our customer by responding in a professional, courteous and efficient manner. Proactively, we work in partnership with community members, organizations and other agencies to solve problems and create safe and healthy neighborhoods.

Teamwork

We work as a team, respecting and supporting each other's roles and responsibilities. We encourage and recognize creativity and initiative that furthers the goals of the King County Sheriff's Office. We share success.

Top Photo: Inspectional Services Manager Joe Peach, CALEA Reviewer Chief Deputy Albin, Sheriff Rahr, CALEA Reviewer Major Baggett, Inspectional Services Admin Catherine Tolentino, Inspectional Services Pat Bowen after a week review of KCSO operations and policy. Bottom Photo: Three Metro Officers pose for a quick picture before their shift starts.

What Does It Mean For Every Call To Count?



In 2010, the Sheriff's Office answered 566,000 calls for service in our Communications Center. We dispatched deputies to nearly 100,000 calls. At individual precincts and other worksites we answered thousands more. Even though the numbers are staggering, we can never forget that each and every call represents a person who needs our assistance. Many people who call are experiencing a traumatic event that may have a lasting effect on their life.

We recognize that we are here not only to protect, but also to serve. Part of the key to "serving" is to recognize that a small amount of extra time, effort and empathy can make a very big difference when interacting with someone who has been victimized. That's why we have made the phrase "Every Call Counts" our guiding philosophy and a top goal in every unit of the Sheriff's Office. We remind each

other that everyone we contact should be treated the way we would want one of our own family members to be treated.

This philosophy has taken hold. We've received many letters, emails, phone calls and handshakes from citizens who were touched by the spirit of service they experienced. We continue to work with this philosophy to effectively protect AND serve!

Not Every Call Is An Arrest

Police officers expect the calls for car accidents, burglaries, shoplifters, the list goes on. But when three King County Deputies responded to a call on June 10, they saw something few will see in their career. A brother and sister were playing in a water-logged pasture when they were both suddenly pulled into a drain pipe. Water was quickly rising around them. Sergeant Sullivan, MPO Cunningham, and several firefighters found spare wood to build a dam to divert water away from the trapped siblings while others attempted to free them. As the water continued to rise, Deputy Loofbourow and firefighters held the two as high up out of the water as possible. With the help of two chainsaws and a large power pry tool, the pipe was cut and the kids were freed. The two were rushed to the hospital where they eventually recovered. Later, the children and their mother presented the deputies with thank you drawings in appreciation for a call that ended well.



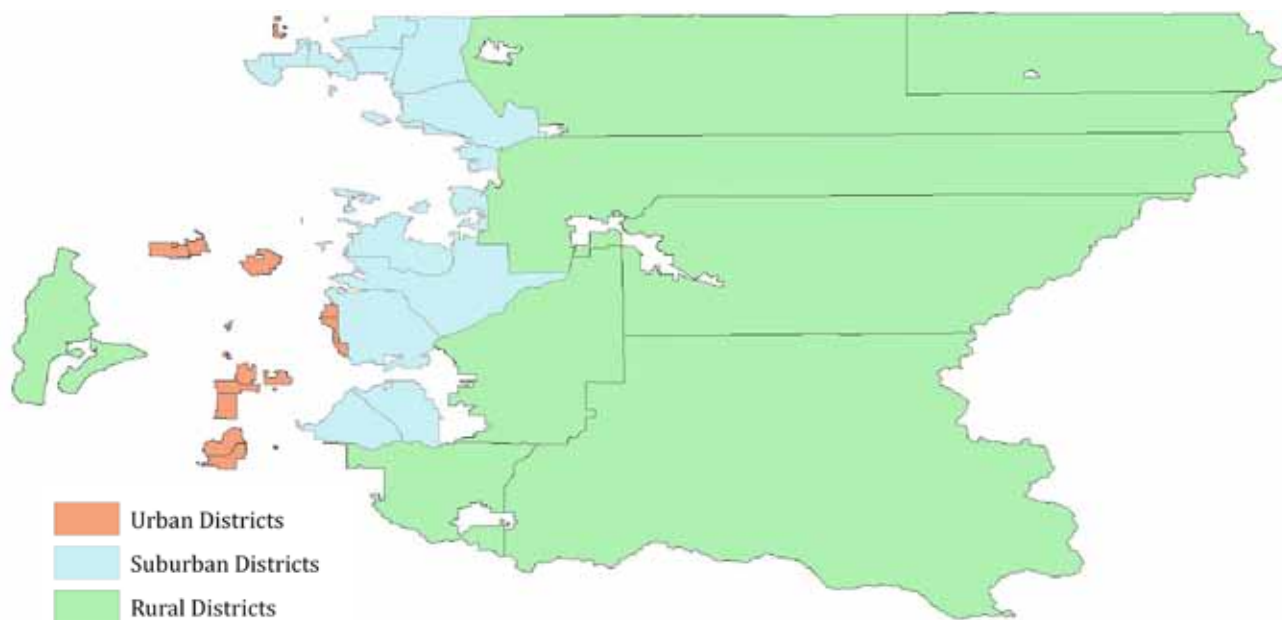
Every Call Counts

A Year In Numbers: Crime Statistics

The King County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) has a large and diverse jurisdiction which includes urban, suburban and rural geographies. Crime and quality of life issues in one part of the county are likely to be different in another. For the last several years, most major crimes have been flat or trending down in most jurisdictions served by the Sheriff's Office. Exceptions to this trend have included slight increases in burglary, vehicle theft, and car prowls in some areas.

Researchers acknowledge that there are many socio-economic factors that contribute to crimes. Drug and alcohol abuse may influence certain categories of crime while the prolonged economic recession and job loss may be factors in others. The internet now provides the Sheriff's Office with a mechanism where citizens can look at crime trends and the types of crime impacting their community and neighborhood. For details on crime in your area go to CrimeReports.com.

Here is a look at 2010 Unincorporated crime data – by geographic region.



Part 1 And 2 Crimes Committed For The Year

Rural Part 1 Crimes Committed **1,180**

Rural Part 2 Crimes Committed **1,307**

Suburban Part 1 Crimes Committed **2,777**

Suburban Part 2 Crimes Committed **3,199**

Urban Part 1 Crimes Committed **2,926**

Urban Part 2 Crimes Committed **3,375**

Part 1 Crimes include homicide, rape, robbery, residential burglary, vehicle theft, and arson.

Part 2 Crimes include vandalism, weapons violations, trespassing, disorderly conduct, and driving under the influence.

3 Numbers to Paint a Picture

1/17 people experienced some type of crime in 2010

1/329 people experienced an Auto Theft

1/145 people experienced a Burglary

The King County Sheriff's Office Communications Center is where 9-1-1 calls are received for unincorporated King County and its contract partners. We are one of the 6,130 Public Safety Answering Points in the United States. Incoming calls are prioritized according to the urgency of the issue and the necessary response. In 2010 the KCSO Communications Center answered well over half a million telephone calls. Nearly 14,000 of those calls were classified as high priority emergency calls and resulted in a uniformed officer responding. In March, the Communications Center received CALEA accreditation, becoming one of fewer than 70 emergency call centers in the country to achieve this standard.

Sometimes answering the 911 call for help goes above and beyond



simply doing your job. Supervisor Wayne Wilson answered a call that there was a suicidal man somewhere in the Richmond Beach area of Shoreline. Because of emerging technology, Wayne was able to identify the owner of the phone and with the help of the cell phone company, zero in on GPS coordinates and the approximate location of the despondent man. Thanks to Wayne's personal knowledge of the area, Shoreline PD Officers were able to locate the man and get him safely to first aid responders.

Coplogic: Online Police Reports

The Sheriff's Communications and Information Services Sections have worked together to provide a website allowing citizens to file police reports online. Using the *Coplogic Reporting System*, a variety of non-emergent incidents may be reported conveniently without requiring hold time for a telephone report, or waiting for a patrol response.

When a report is filed using this system, the citizen receives an email providing their case number and a free copy of their report. The KCSO online reporting system will be available in English, Spanish, Russian, Cambodian, Chinese, and Vietnamese.

To view reports accepted. ReportToSheriff.org.

iCompass: Records Requests Made Simple

The Records Unit handles public records requests for police case reports. Teaming up with the Legal Unit, they have introduced a new way for citizens to make their public record requests: *iCompass*. This is an innovative online service that tracks the status of requests and enables ease of communication between Sheriff's Office employees and citizens making requests. *iCompass* also allows the Sheriff's Office to report essential public disclosure statistics to the King County Council. While public disclosure requests can be made through a variety of methods, you can now make a records request online and receive a confirmation email including a tracking number within minutes, 24 hours a day 7 days a week. For information go to www.kingcounty.gov/safety/sheriff/Services/PublicDisclosure/Online%20Requests.aspx



South Park Meeting: Creating Awareness



Reaching out to members of the Latino community has been a high priority for the Sheriff and Deputies who work on gang prevention and intervention. In addition to making frequent guest appearances on Spanish language radio programs, Sheriff Rahr, Deputy Meyer, and Detective Gagliardi, along with radio host and community leader, Jaime Mendez, hosted a South Park Community Center meeting for parents and families about the influence of gangs on youth. The bilingual event was well attended and helped to establish better communication between the Sheriff's Office and those families who may not have access to law enforcement because of language and cultural barriers.

Redmond Ridge Community: Creating Partnerships

Door to door solicitation is not what it used to be. In the summer of 2010, King County Deputies stepped up to the challenge to assist the Redmond Ridge community when problem solicitors began to multiply in the Trilogy complex. A Directed Patrol Mission (DPM) created by MPO Flohr was developed to track problem solicitors and train patrol, as well as the community, on ways to work together to deal with aggressive and unwanted solicitation. By the end of summer a total of four arrests were made for violations. On August 26, MPO Flohr delivered a presentation to over 200 members of the Redmond Ridge community, providing tips on safety, how to aid law enforcement, and the laws that govern charities and solicitors.



PAL: Shop With A Cop, Creating Friendships



In 2010, through a partnership with the Greater King County Police Activities League (PAL), over 475 children received toys as well as essential clothing and hygiene items. Each year officers around the community give their time to shop with less fortunate kids in King County. This opportunity not only provides the children with special gifts during the holiday season and back-to-school times but also gives them a positive interaction with law enforcement officers. The Shop-with-a-Cop program is a perfect example of community policing and by partnering with PAL demonstrates a difference can be made.

Top Photo: KCSO makes a presentation to students and parents in the South Park Community about local gangs. Center Photo: MPO Flohr making a presentation to the citizens of Trilogy. Bottom Photo: Sheriff Rahr shops with one of many children that participated in a recent Shop-with-a-Cop event.

Contract City Partners

King County Deputies Serving Your City



The King County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) provides services to all of Unincorporated King County and more than 50 other entities. We provide comprehensive police service to 12 cities (Beaux Arts Village, Burien, Covington, Kenmore, Maple Valley, Newcastle, North Bend, Sammamish, SeaTac, Shoreline, Skykomish, Woodinville), as well as the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, Sound Transit, Metro Transit, and the King County International Airport. Our Marine unit provides contract services for various cities and the unincorporated areas along Lake Washington and Lake Sammamish shorelines. Sound Transit and Metro Transit contract for complete law enforcement service on train, light rail, buses and for other transit facilities and properties. All contract partners establish their level of service and set priorities tailored to the unique needs of their communities and the customers they serve. The contracting program is beneficial for the citizens of Unincorporated King County and for those living in contract cities because all are able to share the cost of expensive infrastructures, like the Communications Center and Records Management System. At the same time they also share specialty units such as SWAT, Air Support, Marine, Bomb Detection, Major Crime Investigations, and Major Accident Response and Reconstruction.



Partnerships Of The Future

Transportation - Airport - Fire

ARFF Officers Are Not Your Typical Deputy

King County International Airport (KCIA) – or Boeing Field – is one of the busiest primary non-hub airports in the nation, averaging more than 300,000 operations (takeoffs and landings) each year. In 1999, the King County Sheriff's Office and King County Department of Transportation entered into a partnership to provide a unique combination of police and fire services at Boeing Field. Specially trained Deputies perform aircraft rescue fire fighting (ARFF), law enforcement, and airport safety inspections. ARFF Deputies are constantly involved in training to comply with FAA regulations and to be ready to respond to any airfield emergency.

When a jet collided with a fuel truck, pinning the fuel truck driver in his seat, all of the ARFF training was called into action. While EMT Deputy Matheson attended to the fuel truck driver, incident commander and safety officer, Deputy Wills directed ARFF team members to lay down a foam blanket as a precautionary measure. The driver was safely removed from the truck and a disastrous fuel leak and fire were averted.



Sound Transit Services Patroled By Deputies



The King County Sheriff's Office partners with Sound Transit to patrol its various transportation options. Policing a transit system is unlike any other type of police work. A bus or train becomes a small community as people travel together. Community policing and crime prevention are very important in these mobile neighborhoods. Serving approximately 23 million people a year Sound Transit covers several geographic regions including parts of King, Snohomish and Pierce Counties.

Metro Transit

The Metro Transit police department is a 68 member team that includes a bicycle emphasis unit, dedicated bomb technician and Stevie, a Labrador retriever trained to sniff out 19,000 different scents related to explosives and firearms. Metro Transit Officers provide regular safety training to operators and other transit employees while detectives work on proactive projects designed to stop crimes before they start. Metro Transit Police are committed to the King County Sheriff's Office philosophy of community oriented policing which calls for partnership, prevention, problem solving and organizational change.



Top Photo: Members of the ARFF Unit participating in training (live fire training is mandated by the FAA once a year). Middle Photo: Sound Transit Police Vehicle stopped next to a Light Rail train in downtown Seattle. Bottom Photo: KCSO Metro Officers patrol local bus stops on bicycle.



Contract City Partners

Burien Retail Theft Case

In early 2010, Police Chief Scott Kimerer heard from leaders in the Burien retail community about extensive theft losses they had been experiencing. The Burien Special Emphasis Team (SET) which included Sergeant Mclauchlan, Officer Keller and Officer Rayborn, were assigned to investigate. A regional team was formed and through crime meetings, informants, suspect interviews, and an undercover operation, police working on the case learned about a criminal group that had been active in this area for over a year and a half.

The theft ring was hitting grocery and retail stores, and was actively recruiting more accomplices into their organization. The criminals used photos and shopping lists of products they wanted stolen and paid cash to the thieves for stolen goods. The stolen merchandise was resold and was being illegally shipped overseas. In October of 2010, Burien Police and Normandy Park Police executed an undercover operation and arrested the key ringleader. Through multiple search warrants, a significant amount of stolen property was recovered and extensive evidence of the operation was found. Experts estimated that the operation was responsible for hundreds of thousands of dollars in retail theft losses in King County.

Community Stands Together

Annie's house was what looked like a neglected or forgotten project in Woodinville. It was a shell with broken windows, no wiring, plumbing or furnace, and abandoned cars and garbage scattered the four acre lot. The truth was that in 2000 Annie and George Babcock hired a contractor to do a major remodel, paid him upfront and then moved into an apartment for six months. The contractor did shoddy and illegal work, and eventually the city red-tagged the house. George died in 2002



from cancer. His last wish was that Annie would finish the house.



and community volunteers spent a weekend cleaning it up. When word got out about "Annie's House," professional tradesman and local volunteers donated time and materials. Eventually, money began to flood in, too. The community George and Annie had been a part of for 20 years stepped up to help a neighbor in need. Thanks to Jason and countless others, in June, Annie moved in and spent her first night at home in over ten years.

Led by the Sheriff's Office, the community pulled together around Annie to fulfill George's wish. The project started when Jason Burt, a Woodinville Code Enforcement Officer suggested to Sergeant McSwain that they volunteer their time to help Annie clean up and secure the property from future vandals and theft. Sergeant McSwain, five deputies

Safe Disposal for Drugs in Contract Cities

Maple Valley Police are keeping unused prescription drugs off the street and out of the wrong hands with a tool as simple as a box. In coordination with the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), they have installed a drug drop-off box in the police station lobby.

This gives citizens an opportunity to safely dispose of unused or expired prescription drugs, addressing community concerns about safely disposing of the medications. Unused medications pose a risk to families, communities and the environment. If left unsecured, they may be stolen or mistakenly consumed by family members or house guests. Drugs that are dumped down the drain or thrown in the trash can contaminate ground water and the environment. Once collected, officers will have the drugs incinerated in a certified process that eliminates risks to the community.



SeaTac Officers Track Down Most Wanted

In the summer of 2010 Officers Abbott and Hsu were recovering stolen property from a burglary. While working the case, they were contacted by an individual in the community who had information about Joshua Boyovich, one of Western Washington's Most Wanted. Boyovich was featured on Q13 in July as an escapee from Department of Corrections (DOC) custody and

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was listed as dangerous to the community. Armed with the location of the escaped felon, Officer Abbott and a seven person team were able to talk the occupants of the residence where Boyovich was hiding into consenting to a search of the premises. The fugitive was taken into custody and placed back into DOC hands without any force used.

Crime Mapping, Part Of The e-Policing Initiative

One of the King County Sheriff's Office goals is to improve citizen access through web-based self-service tools. In 2010 as part of an electronic-policing initiative by Sheriff Rahr, KCSO launched the Crime Reports program. Crime activity information is published to a website. The data includes published crime types and 100-block addresses. This tool is accessible from a link on KCSO and Contract City websites. Citizens can also access it by downloading the vendor's iPhone and iPod Touch application. This program will share data near neighborhoods and schools within KCSO jurisdiction. Citizens can also set up alerts to email them, analyze crime trends to see if a Block Watch emphasis is working or submit anonymous tips. We support crime mapping for Unincorporated King County and all of our Contract Cities.

For more information on Crime Mapping and crime in your area please visit:
<http://www.kingcounty.gov/safety/sheriff/CrimeReports.aspx>

Page 9 Top Left Photo: After a long shift, a Burien Officer returns to the office to finish paperwork. Page 9 Top Center Photo: Returning to his car Burien Officer Ghrmai writes up a traffic ticket. Page 9 Top Right Photo: Burien Officer Glasgow questions witnesses of a collision. Page 9 Center Photo: Officer Herman, Annie Babcock and volunteer Gary Minshull pose in front of Annie's house during construction. Page 9 Bottom Photo: Officer Hardin and Officer Christian work together during the roof replacement. Page 10 Top Photo: Executive Director Greater Maple Valley Community Center Lynn Roberts, Maple Valley Chief Bennett, and Council Member Erin Weaver celebrate the opening of the drug drop-off box.



Partnerships That Solve Crime

AFIS, WA State Crime Lab, and KCSO

Suspect Arrested For Chain Robberies

King County's Regional Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) is a levy funded, crime fighting program that serves the entire county. This program contributes to community and officer safety by using a regional approach to fingerprint identification.

The AFIS computer also plays an important role in the identification process. This 20 year old system is being replaced with a new one. The "go-live" date is in the first quarter of 2011. Currently, only the first joints of fingers and thumbs can be matched and stored in AFIS. The new AFIS will also contain palm prints. This means a latent print found at a crime scene can be searched through AFIS for a potential match, regardless of which portion of the hand created the impression. More latent matches will be generated, resulting in more suspects identified.

As part of the regional approach to fingerprint identification the AFIS Program partners with all police agencies in the county, including KCSO, to help solve crimes. One notable success of teamwork involved the AFIS Section's Latent Print Unit, along with the Sheriff's Office Major Crimes Unit and Photo Lab.

Detectives from the Mercer Island Police Department and KCSO investigated, and requested the Latent Unit to process a note from one of the robberies. A Latent Print Examiner developed and photographed a latent print from the note, then a photographer processed the film. The examiner searched the print through AFIS and identified a potential suspect. The detective was notified and the suspect was arrested. The great teamwork of all involved prevented more robberies.

Cold Case Detectives Solve 1983 Murder

In February of 1983, deputies responded to a murder scene at a SeaTac Motel 6. A 36-year-old California man had been stabbed to death. At the time no arrests were made and the case became inactive. This year the Cold Case Squad reviewed the murder and sent several items tagged as evidence from the scene to the Washington State Crime Lab for testing. DNA was found on cigarette butts from the motel room and matched to a John Folds. His DNA was in a database because he was arrested in Florida for a felony committed in 2002. Folds was captured December 14 and later charged for the 1983 murder. As technology continues to improve each year the Cold Case Squad reviews inactive cases for any possible new developments.



Top Left Photo: Two AFIS Employees examine a tenprint card recieved from a local jail. Top Center Photo: Sheriff Deputies escort a suspect away from a crime scene. Top Right Photo: A Latent Print Examiner dusts for prints with fluorescent powder and a UV Light. Bottom Photo: Members of Criminal Investigations process several shell casings.

A Promising Life Cut Short

The information that was originally broadcast over the police radio was all too familiar...a male in his mid-teens had been shot in a drive-by shooting in Skyway. It appeared to be yet another case of one gang member shooting at another. Nothing could have been further from the truth.

Alyjawan Brown was 12 years old, very tall for his age, and part of a close, loving family...not a gang. He had spent the last several months mowing neighbor's yards and doing extra chores so he could pay the costs of the upcoming football season. He had been specifically saving for new cleats and was excited that they went on sale at the Renton Wal-Mart. He had just gotten off the bus after buying his new cleats when his idyllic day turned to tragedy. As he walked past the 7-11, it is believed that Curtis Walker was driving by, saw Alyjawan from behind and mistook him for a rival - not a hard-working, fun-loving 12 year old football player. Alyjawan was shot in the back and died at the scene.



Alyjawan's tragic murder case was solved because of the quick thinking and initiative of employees from a business several miles away. They saw people in the suspect vehicle discarding a firearm and immediately called police. This key piece of information was the critical link that led detectives to Curtis Walker, who was later charged with murder. He is set to be tried in September of 2011. While a life filled with hope was wiped out, there is hope for justice for Alyjawan Brown and his family.

If you have information on a case please contact us at (206) 296-7530.



Ashley Finally Gets Justice

In 2003, Joel Zellmer almost got away with murder. He staged the deliberate drowning of three year old Ashley McLellan to look like an accident. Police and medics who arrived at the scene the night of the murder initially believed it was an accident. They didn't know the troubling history of Mr. Zellmer or the personality and habits of little Ashley. They also didn't know that he had recently taken out a \$200,000 life insurance policy for this three year old child.

But the tenacity of three determined and extraordinary women - the mom, the detective, and the prosecutor - proved beyond a reasonable doubt to a jury that this case was no accident.

Ashley's mom knew in her heart on the night of the drowning that it was no accident. She persevered and got Prosecutor Marilyn Brenneman and Detective Peters to take a second look at the case. This wasn't the first case of a murder staged to look like an accidental drowning that the dynamic team of Peters and Brenneman had solved. (They successfully investigated and prosecuted the infamous Randy Roth case in 1992.)

Detective Peters and Prosecutor Brenneman dug through hundreds of records and interviewed dozens of former acquaintances. They discovered that Joel Zellmer was associated with a disturbing pattern of "accidents" experienced by the children of other women he dated, one involving a near drowning. They were able to discredit his story about the staged crime scene and expose his financial motives. In June of 2010, seven years after he staged the accidental drowning of little Ashley McClellan, Joel Zellmer was sentenced to 50 years in prison for murder.

Top Photo: Alyjawan Brown posed for his football photos, he was killed before he could compete in another season of football. Bottom Photo: Ashley McClellan all smiles while playing with her toys, one of many memories those who are left behind cherish.

Specialized Regional Services

Marine

The King County Sheriff's Marine Unit patrols Lake Washington, Lake Sammamish, and numerous small lakes and rivers throughout King County. They also patrol several cities that contract for our services. Safe and enjoyable boating for our community is our primary goal. To achieve this goal we make contact with violators and take appropriate enforcement action. We also attend and teach water safety education at different community events.



Air Support

The King County Sheriff's Air Support Unit is the only full-time rotary-wing law enforcement aviation unit in Washington State. Four other counties (Chelan, Thurston, Snohomish and Spokane) each operate one helicopter on a limited, part-time basis, primarily for wilderness search and rescue and wilderness firefighting support. The Air Support Unit operates six days per week. We operate two OH-58 helicopters for observation and surveillance, one UH-1H "Huey" helicopter (military surplus) primarily for search and rescue and one Bell 407 purchased entirely with federal grant funding. Our total annual flight time averages about 1200 hours a year.



SWAT

The TAC 30 Unit (SWAT) is a team that is trained in the use of special weapons, equipment and tactics necessary to contain, control and arrest suspects or individuals under circumstances that standard patrol deputies are not equipped to resolve without extreme personal hazards. In 2010, the team took first place at the Annual American Heroes Challenge, pitting 12 tactical teams from across the nation in law enforcement and the military against each other in seven real-world scenarios. During the competition the officers wore patches in honor of the officers shot and killed in the line of duty last year. The team presented their winning trophy to Lakewood PD to hold until the competition next year.

Bomb Disposal

The King County Sheriff's Office and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives have joined in a partnership to provide explosive detection canines to the Northwest. Browning, a chocolate Labrador assigned to Deputy Chaffee, is the only certified Explosive Courier Detection dog in the region. Stevie, a black Labrador retriever assigned to Deputy Morgan, is one of only 69 ATF explosives dogs in the United States.



Arson

The KCSO Fire and Arson Investigation Unit is responsible for the cause, origin and circumstances of each fire occurring in unincorporated King County involving loss of life, injury to person, or destruction or damage to property; and if the fire is determined to be of suspicious origin. All Fire Investigators assigned to the Unit are either state or nationally certified. In 2010, 355 fires were investigated by the unit.



King County Search and Rescue



King County Search and Rescue is made up of a diverse group of individuals dedicated to the safety of others, setting aside their own lives for days at a time on a volunteer basis. 632 individuals make up King County's search and rescue program comprising eight units. The Search and Rescue unit on average participates in 120 missions a year as well as several special activities, including SeaFair, Snow days in Snoqualmie, and Fourth of July celebrations at Sammamish.

The units within Search and Rescue are put together based on function; the biggest unit is the Explorer Search and Rescue, which has over 300 members and does the majority of foot work on missions. This unit is open to anyone who's completed the eighth grade. The Search and Rescue Explorers are expected to perform the same duties with the same level of responsibility regardless of age. This differs from other Explorer programs where the students are trained and mentored but do not perform the same tasks as their adult counterparts.

If you would like to become a volunteer or donate to the program please visit www.KCSARA.org for more information.

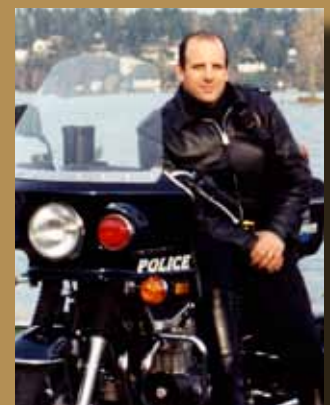
A first impression of Search and Rescue volunteers may be that of a person in a hoody sweatshirt and gloves, perhaps a raincoat if it's raining, with a flashlight in hand. The individuals that make up the King County Search and Rescue program are quite different. They are dedicated, taking vacation from their everyday jobs, purchasing their own specialized equipment, and often using their own resources to improve missions, including 4x4's, highly trained horses and dogs. All volunteers are put through a background check every three years, and go through a minimum of 140 hours of training each year.

The King County Search and Rescue is a non-profit organization that is overseen by the King County Sheriff's Office. Two deputies oversee the program assisted by numerous volunteers to make each mission run successfully. If you would like to become a volunteer or donate to the program please visit www.KCSARA.org for more information.

A Father Remembering

Robert "Bob" Brown began volunteering for the Shoreline Police Department in May 2002. Like many of the Shoreline police volunteers, he's a long time resident of Shoreline. Unlike many volunteers, his experience with police is much more personal.

Bob and his wife Barbara have four children; two of them became deputies for the King County Sheriff's Office in the 1980's. Mike is currently a Detective and Mark had been assigned to Shoreline Traffic Motors (motorcycle). In 1999, Officer Mark Brown was fatally injured in a line of duty traffic collision. Mark's death was a great loss to all. Mark was well respected by his peers and beloved by the Shoreline community where he had grown up. Just years after Mark's untimely death, Bob began volunteering two days a week at the Shoreline Police Westside Storefront. Bob's extensive managerial experience from Boeing is being put to good use. He now processes office statistical information, takes part in the Vacation House Check program and received his certification for CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design), where his expertise is used for both business and residential security surveys. Thank you Bob Brown!



Officer Mark Brown 10-11-1961 to 2-27-1999

What Do The Numbers Mean For 2010?

The total Sheriff's budget in 2010 was \$139.7 million. A little over half of the total budget (\$70.8 million), came from our contract partnerships. The Sheriff's net cost to the County General Fund in 2010 was \$68.9 million, which is 11 percent of the County General Fund.

Sheriff's Office General Fund Usage

\$ 68.9 Million Net Cost to King County

\$625.9 Million King County General Fund

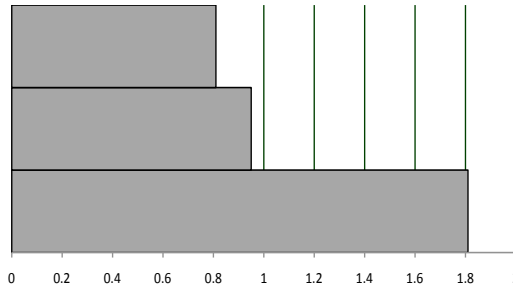
The Sheriff's Office Total Budget in 2010 was \$139.7 million. This is offset by \$70.8 million in Contract Revenue, with a net cost to King County of only \$68.9 million

Comparison of Sworn Employees Per 1,000 Residents

.81/Thousand KCSO Unincorporated

.95/Thousand KCSO Contract Cities

1.81/Thousand Other King County Cities

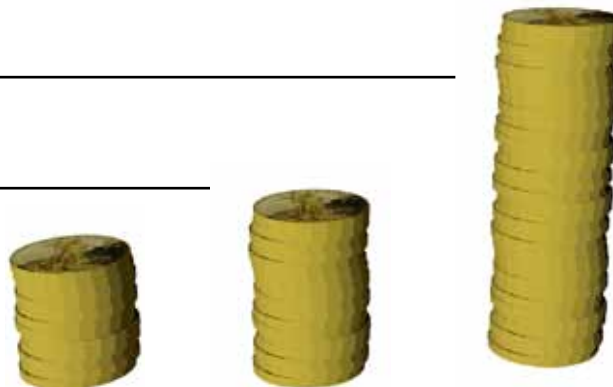


Cost of Police Service Per Capita

\$348 Other King County Cities

\$171 KCSO Contract Cities

\$159 KCSO Unincorporated



King County Sheriff's Office and contract city partners were awarded over \$2,845,565 in grant monies.

Service Recognition

Putting a Spotlight on Our Employees

Those Recognized For Their Service In 2010



Deputy Of The Year
Pete Copeland



Detective Of The Year
Anthony Mullinax



Reserve Deputy Of The Year
Dennis Decoteau



Employee Of The Year
Janet Rhodes



Explorer Of The Year
Andrew Sambrook



Volunteer Of The Year
Florence Pruitt

Gone But Not Forgotten

The Officers listed below are the King County Deputies that made the ultimate sacrifice and gave their lives in the line of duty. These brave souls and their families always remain in our hearts and prayers.

William G. Cherry	03.06.1853
Lois V. Wyckoff	01.20.1882
George W. Poor	07.26.1891
John Williams	03.18.1903
Robert C. Scott	04.04.1920
Steve Watson	07.09.1934
Thomas Meehan	11.13.1935
Norman F. Silkworth	03.07.1952
Donald A. Armeni	09.15.1954
Samuel A. Hicks	06.24.1982
Michael L. Raburn	03.27.1984
Richard S. Cochran II	05.22.1991
Mark W. Brown	02.27.1999
Richard A. Herzog	06.22.2002
Steve E. Cox	12.02.2006



Vision

Our vision is to improve public safety by leading and promoting collaboration and professionalism in the criminal justice system.

Mission

The mission of the King County Sheriff's Office is to provide quality, professional, regional and local law enforcement services tailored to the needs of individual communities to improve the quality of life.



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